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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1961

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1961

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area of Administrative County (in acres)	97,273
Population (Registrar General's Estimate 1961)	25,540
Rateable Value (1st April 1961)	£276,371
Product of a Penny Rate (Estimated) 1961/62	£1,156

VITAL STATISTICS

	Rutland	England & Wales
Live Births		
Number	440	
Rate per 1000 population	19.6	17.4
Illegitimate Live Births (per cent of total live births)	2%	
Still Births		
Number	15	
Rate per 1000 total live and still births	33	18.7
Total Live and Still Births	455	
Infant Deaths (deaths under one year)	6	
Infant Mortality Rates		
Total infant deaths per 1000 total live births	13.6	21.4
Legitimate infant deaths per 1000 legitimate live births	13.6	
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1000 illegitimate live births	0	
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under four weeks per 1000 total live births	13.6	
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under one week per 1000 total live births)	11.4	
Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under one week combined per 1000 total live and still births)	43.9	

There was one maternal death during 1961 being a rate of 2.2 per 1000 live and still births.

Deaths		
All causes	242	
Death rate per 1000 population	9.2	12

CAUSES OF DEATH - 1961

	0-		1-		5-		15-		25-		45-		65-		75-		All Ages		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Syphilitic Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Other Infective & Parylitic Diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Cancer of the Stomach	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	3
Cancer of Lung & Bronchus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	4	-	4
Cancer of the Breast	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	4	4
Cancer of the Uterus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Cancer of all other sites	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	1	7	3	11	5	16
Diabetes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	2
Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	6	9	14	12	21	33
Coronary Disease, Angina	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	10	-	7	3	6	5	25	8	33
Hypertension with Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	1	3	4
Other Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	4	22	32	27	37	64
Other Circulatory Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	4	-	6	-	6

CAUSES OF DEATH - 1961 (cont'd.)

	0-		1-		5-		15-		25-		45-		65-		75-		All Ages		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Influenza	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	2	3
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	5	7	8	10	14	24
Bronchitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	-	1	-	6	-	6
Other Diseases of the Respiratory System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	3
Nephritis & Nephrosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	3
Pregnancy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Congenital Malformations	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	5
Other defined & ill defined diseases	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	2	3	7	6	13
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	5
All other Accidents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	2	4	6
B/Fwd. from previous page	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	21	5	20	16	48	58	91	81	172
Totals (both pages) All Causes	4	3	1	-	-	-	4	2	3	3	28	6	28	25	62	73	130	112	242

CARE OF MOTHERS & YOUNG CHILDREN

Infant Welfare Centres were held as follows:-

Oakham	2nd and 4th	Wednesday	each month	at	2.30 p.m.
Uppingham	1st and 3rd	"	" "	at	2.30 p.m.
Ketton	1st and 3rd	Tuesday	" "	at	2.30 p.m.
Empingham	1st	Wednesday	" "	at	2.30 p.m.
Exton	3rd	Wednesday	" "	at	2.30 p.m.
*Cottesmore Aerodrome	2nd and 4th	Thursday	" "	at	2.00 p.m.
Edith Weston	2nd and 4th	Tuesday	" "	at	2.30 p.m.

* Attendance restricted to R.A.F. families.

Number of children who attended the above Centres during the year:-

Born in :-			Total number of children who attended during year
1961	1960	1959 - 56	
183	162	133	478

Number of attendances during the year made by children who at the date of attendance were :-

Under 1 year	1 but under 2	2 but under 5	Total Attendances
1648	412	401	2461

HEALTH VISITING

	Number of Visits to Children			
	Under 1 year		1 - 2 years	2 - 5 years
No. of children under 5 visited	First Visit	Subsequent Visits	Total Visits	Total Visits
1404	318	374	866	647

Other cases visited 70
Total number of families visited 1106

The figure given under "other cases visited" includes visits to the aged and infirm, mental defectives under statutory supervision, problem families, sociological (for patients proposed admission to a chronic sick or maternity hospital).*

In addition to the routine visiting of babies and toddlers the Health Visitors also investigate applications for admission to Catmose Vale (long-stay) Hospital, Oakham; and for admission to maternity accommodation. They also consult with the Children's Officer about problem families.

Both Health Visitors have other specific duties; Miss Samuel is the Non-Medical Supervisor of Midwives and Miss Welsh acts as Tuberculosis Health Visitor.

* Every effort is made to avoid unnecessary admissions to hospital by arranging for home nursing and home helps where possible.

Report of County Dental Officer (Miss Joyce G. Campbell)

Dental Care of Expectant and Nursing Mothers and Children under School Age. N.H.S. Section 22.

No. of pre-school children inspected	95
" " pre-school children treated	68
" " extractions	77
" " local anaesthetics	39
" " general anaesthetics	22
" " fillings	33
" " dressings	20
" " silver nitrate	13
" " cleanings	-

No. of ante-natal cases inspected	39
" " post-natal cases inspected	15
" " ante-natal cases treated	26
" " post-natal cases treated	23
" " ante-natal fillings	56
" " post-natal fillings	50
" " ante-natal extractions	6
" " post-natal extractions	13
" " ante-natal X-Rays	5
" " post-natal X-Rays	5
" " ante-natal dentures	1
" " post-natal dentures	13
" " local anaesthetics	25
" " general anaesthetics	2
" " ante-natal scalings	2
" " post-natal scalings	-

Suitable literature has been distributed to as many young mothers as it has been possible to contact through the school children; a talk has been given to the county midwives, and the General Practitioners have been notified that a maternity and child welfare dental service operates in the county. Its success so far as the expectant and nursing mothers is concerned depends chiefly upon the doctors sending the patients along to the dental clinic after their ante-natal examination.

Pre-school children often accompany their mothers to the clinic when the school children come for treatment and the opportunity is then taken to introduce the "Under 5" to the dental surgery and if required an appointment is made for subsequent treatment. 25% only of the pre-school children seen last year were dentally fit - a discouraging revelation.

COUNTY NURSING SERVICE

(Sections 23 & 25 N.H.S. Act)

Non-Medical Supervisor of Midwives

Miss J.E.Gerrard, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert. *

	Oakham	Uppingham	Ruffenham	Langham	Market Overton	Total
All Home Nurse/ Midwives are S.R.N., S.C.M.	Mrs. Williamson	Mrs.Wylie Miss Seymour	Miss Hackett	Miss Joyce*	Mrs. Carnachan	
Cases						
Midwifery & Maternity	7	19	23	4	24	77
Midwifery Discharged before 14th day	8	17	29	8	30	92
General	105	136	39	144	84	504
Visits						
Midwifery & Maternity	147	336	433	80	557	1553
Midwifery Discharged before 14th day	76	138	145	62	176	637
General	1500	2125	293	1599	687	6204
Other Visits	-	-	7	-	21	28
Ante-natal & Post-natal	103	236	319	69	567	1294
Attendances at I.W.C.	11	22	4	11	-	48
No. of times gas & air given	6	16	19	2	21	64
Pethidine given (Dr.'s present)	-	1	-	-	1	2
Pethidine given (Dr.'s not present)	5	9	17	2	18	51

* Queen's Nurse

Mrs. Feeney S.R.N. was employed on Home Nursing duties only on a part-time basis

Mrs. Wylie S.R.N., S.C.M. commenced duty on 1st April 1961.

Miss Hackett S.R.N., S.C.M. commenced duty on 19th September 1961.
(after completing her district training at Birmingham)

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

Smallpox Vaccination

Number of persons vaccinated (or re-vaccinated) during the year 1961.

Age at date of vaccination	Under 1	1	2 - 4	5 - 14	15 and over	Total
Number vaccinated	56	58	13	12	2	141
Number re-vaccinated	-	2	1	1	5	15

All vaccinations were done by general practitioners.

* Diphtheria Immunisation

Number of children who completed a full course of primary immunisation and number of children who received a secondary (reinforcing) injection during the year 1961.				
	Age at date of final injection			
	Under 1	1 - 4	5 - 14	Total
Full Course	44	174	85	303
Reinforcing	-	3	189	192

Whooping Cough Immunisation

0 - 4 years	5 - 14 years	Total
101	11	112

* (Injections were given at general practitioners surgeries, schools and infant welfare centres).

Poliomyelitis Vaccination

Year ending 31st December, 1961

Class	Number vaccinated with two injections.
A. Children born in the years 1943 to 1960	519
B. Young Persons born in the years 1933 to 1942	192
C. Persons born before 1933 who have not passed their 40th birthday	457
D. Others	58
Total	1,226

Number of persons who received a third (re-inforcing) injection during 1961 ...923.

Tuberculosis

New Cases Age Groups	Pulmonary M	Pulmonary F	Non-Pulmonary M	Non-Pulmonary F
10 - 15	-	-	-	-
15 - 20	-	-	1	-
20 - 25	1	-	-	-
25 - 35	1	-	-	-
35 - 45	-	-	-	-
45 - 55	-	-	-	-
55 - 65	-	-	-	-
65 - 75	-	-	-	-
over 75	-	-	-	-
Totals:	2	-	1	-

There were no deaths from tuberculosis during the year.

The Health Visitor paid 146 visits of enquiry to the homes of notified cases of tuberculosis and arranged for examination of contacts by the Chest Physician; and reported on home conditions. She also attends the chest clinics at Melton Mowbray and Stamford Hospitals for case consultations with the Chest Physicians on matters affecting the patients' families. Cases considered to be inadequately housed are referred by the Health Committee to the Local Sanitary Authority with a recommendation for re-housing where possible.

There were 4 patients receiving free milk at the end of the year.

B.C.G. Vaccination - Contact Scheme

Number skin tested	35
Number found positive	8
Number found negative	27
Number vaccinated	27

B.C.G. Vaccination - School Children Scheme

Number skin tested	93
Number found positive	38
Number found negative	54
Number vaccinated	50

Vaccination of B.C.G. contacts was carried out at the Chest Clinics.

The skin testing of contacts is normally carried out by the Health Visitor - Miss Welsh.

CHIROPODY SERVICE

(N.H.S. Act Section 28)

This service which started in 1960 expanded during 1961; and in order that Mr. Doyles might hold additional sessions at Oakham it was found necessary to employ another part-time Chiropodist at Ketton. The sessions at The Bishop Clayton Hall are now held by Miss Joan Farndoll, M.Ch. (registered as a medical auxiliary). The secretaries of the Old Peoples Clubs give invaluable help in running the Chiropody Clinics.

Centre			No. of Clinics	No. of Attendances
Oakham,	Victoria Hall,	Mrs. B.W.Clark	28	299
Uppingham,	Darby & Joan Club, High Street.	Mrs. E.M.Wilson	12	188
Ketton,	Bishop Clayton Hall,	Mrs. F.R.Sivers	9	58
Langham,	The Institute,	Mrs. L. Green	9	70

HEALTH EDUCATION

Although no Health Education Officer is employed no opportunity is lost by the staff of the Health Department to emphasise the importance of preventing illness where possible. The County Council subscribe to the Central Council for Health Education whose posters are displayed in the County Offices and Welfare Centres and their leaflets distributed at School Medical Inspections and Infant Welfare Centres.

The County Dental Officer has given talks on the care of the teeth, supported by films, in schools; and is very active in stressing the necessity for caring for the teeth.

Co-operation with Hospitals and General Practitioners

The Health Visitors follow up all cases discharged from Hospital if asked to visit - mainly from Maternity Units.

There are no arrangements for Health Visitors to work in conjunction with General Practitioners. The home nurse/midwives however work harmoniously with the doctors in their districts.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

(Section 27)

Statistics for the year ending 31st December 1962 :-

DIRECTLY CONTROLLED SERVICE

1961	AMBULANCES		CARS	
	PATIENTS	MILEAGE	PATIENTS	MILEAGE
1st QUARTER	2172	22291	1060	11162
2nd QUARTER	1996	19057	935	9561
3rd QUARTER	2000	22033	976	14712
4th QUARTER	2089	19677	1035	12458
TOTAL	8257	83058	4006	47893

EMERGENCY JOURNEYS INCLUDED IN ABOVE FIGURES:- 576

STAMFORD AGENCY - RUTLAND AREA

	AMBULANCES		S/C VEHICLES	
	PATIENTS	MILEAGE	PATIENTS	MILEAGE
1st QUARTER	412	3197	185	1676
2nd QUARTER	204	1822	120	1109
3rd QUARTER	208	1905	84	762
4th QUARTER	172	1498	130	1262
TOTAL	996	8422	519	4809

The increase in the demand for transport can be seen by comparison with last year's figures. The provision of transport for the Junior Training Centre at Peterborough and school clinics at Oakham accounted for the additional mileage covered by the Car Service.

One of the two dual purpose vehicles (5 year old Austin) was replaced by a modern Bedford.

New Ambulance Station

A site in Station Road, Oakham, previously occupied by the County Surveyor's Department was purchased for the erection of a new Ambulance Station.

Radio Control

The provision of Radio Control for the Council's Ambulances was approved in principle and preliminary surveys were being carried out towards the end of the year.

Care of Premature Infants (Ministry of Health Circular 8/61)

An "Oxygennaire" Premature Baby Unit was purchased for the conveyance of premature infants; and arrangements were made with the Rutland Memorial Hospital Maternity Wing to keep it in a state of readiness for immediate use for domiciliary to hospital or hospital to hospital transfer by ambulance. All the vehicles were fitted with an extra switched socket outlet in order to maintain the heat required for this apparatus.

Equipment

A "Stephenson Minuteman" resuscitator was provided and was made use of several times during the year.

Training

All the drivers attended First Aid and Civil Defence classes during the year.

Rail Journeys

More use was made of railways as a means of transporting patients --- particularly for long distance journeys or in adverse weather conditions and icy roads.

Ambulance Delays

A survey of emergency calls revealed that there was no delay in attendance to genuine emergency calls.

Agency Service - Stamford

Kesteven County Council continued to operate the Agency Service at Stamford, the mileage of same being only slightly higher than last year.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Year	Directly Controlled Service						Agency Service			
	Ambulances		Car Service		Total		St.Johns Ambulance Brigade & Kesteven C.C.			
							Ambulances		Sitting-Case Vehicles	
	Mileage	Patients	Mileage	Patients	Mileage	Patients	Mileage	Patients	Mileage	Patients
1950	29,007	1,848	26,118	1,798	55,125	3,646	3,073	310	17,419	942
1951	41,053	2,806	15,778	1,222	56,831	4,028	2,921	320	20,007	1,294
1952	48,611	3,668	21,694	1,855	70,305	5,523	2,337	320	22,969	1,830
1953	60,439	3,901	26,664	2,035	87,103	5,936	2,632	189	15,460	1,186
1954	56,631	3,971	40,653	2,518	97,284	6,489	3,324	247	13,891	977
1955	58,140	4,658	61,171	4,000	119,311	8,658	2,675	222	8,907	642
1956	68,313	5,423	43,072	3,127	111,385	8,550	2,970	248	6,791	495
1957	73,533	6,176	42,707	2,793	116,240	8,969	6,944	562	3,894	361
1958	72,630	5,941	30,982	2,256	103,612	8,197	10,141	987	7,843	614
1959	63,173	6,027	44,197	3,621	107,370	9,648	10,287	973	7,325	505
1960	73,673	7,362	41,290	3,373	114,963	11,410	8,358	817	5,181	407
1961	82,058	8,257	47,893	4,006	129,951	12,263	8,422	996	4,809	519

HOME HELP SERVICE

(Section 29 N.H.S. Act.)

(W.V.S., County Organiser - Mrs. A.J.Harms)

Cases Table.

	Total	Cases included in previous column in which help began prior to 1962
Maternity	7	-
Tuberculosis	-	-
Geriatric	60	51
Others	11	4
Totals:	78	55

During the year 21 helps have been employed - 3 on a guaranteed week of 15 hours, and 18 casual workers for cases in outlying districts.

The helps have worked in all a total of 15,525½ hours, an increase on the previous year. They have attended an average of 53 cases each week during the year. On the 31st December 1961 the helps were attending 51 cases with 2 bookings - 1 confinement and 1 elderly person returning home after a spell in hospital.

In September the method of assessment for reduced charges was changed, and the Scales of Allowances and the treatment of capital resources brought into line with the national Assistance (Determination of Need) Regulations. Due to wage awards and rising costs the standard rate was also increased on the 1st October and these changes have resulted in an improvement in the system of recoveries.

WELFARE FOODS SERVICE

Welfare Foods as issued by the Ministry of Health continued to be distributed at Centres throughout the County. From the 1st June it became possible to buy Cod Liver Oil, Vitamin Tablets and Orange Juice without coupons and for cash. This resulted in an appreciable drop in the uptake at first, but sales improved towards the end of the year. Because of this drop 3 Centres closed down and there are now 21 Centres in the County, including the main Depot at the W.V.S. Offices in Oakham.

National Dried Milk (full & half Cream)	6,993 tins
Cod Liver Oil	772 bottles
Vitamin Tablets	718 packets
Orange Juice	6,368 bottles

MENTAL HEALTH ACT 1959

Number of patients referred during year ended 31st December 1961

	Mentally ill				Subnormal				Severely subnormal				
	Under age 16		16 and over		Under age 16		16 and over		Under age 16		16 and over		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
(a) General practitioners	-	-	8	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
(b) Hospitals, on discharge from in-patient treatment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Hospitals, after or during out-patient or day treatment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(d) Local education authorities	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
(e) Police and courts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(f) Other sources: Health Visitors	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	4	-	-	-	6

More subnormal patients have been discharged from Orders detaining them in Hospital, most of them remaining there on an informal basis. Others were kept under "friendly supervision" in the community; and two were eventually admitted to Part III accommodation. There are now five subnormal persons resident at Stud House (mostly elderly) who have been there a number of years and have presented little or no problem to the staff. There are also three persons who have been in a mental hospital in the past.

Courses for mental health workers were attended by Mr. Pearson, Mental Welfare Officer, and Miss Welsh, Health Visitor.

It has been decided to build a Junior Training Centre, probably at Oakham, in the near future.

Number of Patients under care at 31.12.61.	Mentally Ill				Subnormal				Severely Subnormal				Totals			
	Under Age 16		16 and Over		Under Age 16		16 and Over		Under Age 16		16 and Over		Under Age 16		16 and Over	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1.a) Receiving training or occupation in day centre	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
Awaitingtraining or occupation in a day centre	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
b) Receiving training or occupation in residential centre	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Awaiting training or occupation in residential centre	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
c) Receiving home training	-	-	-	-	4	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	4	4	1	1
Awaiting home training	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
d) Resident in Home/Hostel	-	-	1	2	-	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	6
Awaiting residence in Home/Hostel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
e) Resident at L.A. expense in private residential home	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
f) Receiving home visits and not included under (a) to (e)	-	-	5	3	-	-	13	11	4	4	-	4	4	4	18	18
g) Number of Patients involved at (a) to (f)	-	-	6	5	6	5	16	17	4	4	-	4	10	9	22	26
2. Number of Patients in L.H.A. area on waiting list for admission to hospital at 31.12.60.																
a) In urgent need of hospital care	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
b) Not in urgent need of hospital care	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Sampling was carried out by Mr. H. Tabberar, Public Health Inspector to the Oakham Urban District Council (by arrangement with his Authority). The total number of samples taken during the year was 43, with two exceptions (both informal) all were satisfactory.

Article	Formal	Informal	Article	Formal	Informal
Milk	13	3	Coconut Dessicated	-	1
Cheese Spread	-	2	Jelly	-	1
Cornflour	-	1	Meat Potted	-	1
Cream	-	1	Self-Raising Flour	-	2
Fruit Pie	-	1	Vinegar	2	-
Fruit Drinks	1	3	Suet Beef	-	1
Beer	2	3	Butter	-	1
Cake Mix	-	1	Margarine	-	2
			Cooking Fat	-	1

The unsatisfactory samples

Both samples were taken from a milk vending machine.

One sample was of T.T. milk 6% deficient in fat. A subsequent formal sample was satisfactory.

The other sample was of a flavoured milk drink which on analysis was found to contain :-

Total Milk Solids	9.6%
Including:-	
Milk Fat	1.6%
Milk Solids other than fat	8%

There is no official standard for "flavoured milk"; but Public Analysts generally consider that this article should have a minimum of 85% milk containing its full complement of fat. This sample failed in this respect although it was suitably flavoured - subsequent samples proved satisfactory.

REGISTRATION OF NURSING HOMES

(Sections 187 to 194, Public Health Act. 1936)

	Number of Homes	Number of beds provided for		
		Maternity	Others	Totals
Homes first registered during the year	-	-	-	-
Homes on register at end of year	1	-	25	25

National Assistance Act, 1948

Welfare of Disabled Persons, (Sections 29 and 30)

The Royal Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Institution for the Blind have kindly supplied the following information :-

Summary of the causes of blindness and partial sight of new cases registered during the year -

	Cataract	Glaucoma	Retrolental Fibroplasia	Others	Total
Blind	2	2	-	4	8
Partial	-	-	-	2	2

Welfare of the Blind

The Royal Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Institution for the Blind continues to act as the agent of the County Council, who make an annual contribution. (The Rutland Representative on the Committee is Mrs. G.A.Ream of Uppingham). The following particulars have been kindly supplied by the Secretary, Mr. C. Brown, B.E.M.

Blind Register

Number of persons on register at the 1st January 1961	52
" " " " " " " 31st December 1961	56

Registered Blind Persons in Rutland

Age Groups

0-10	11-15	16-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-64	65-69	70-79	80-84	85-89	90+	Total
1	2	-	1	5	4	7	4	12	12	6	2	56

Lyndwood Home, Stoughton Road, Leicester. One blind lady (from Morcott) was admitted in November. Two others were accommodated for holiday periods of two weeks each.

The Home Teacher, Miss Honeywell, made 433 visits, and gave 49 lessons and attended 22 Handicraft sessions at Lyndon Hall.

During the year 6 socials for blind people and their guides were held in Uppingham, Whissendine, and Oakham. Other events organised were Bulb growing competition, outing to Hunstanton and Wicksteed Park, Harvest Festival, and Christmas lunch and carol service.

Partially Sighted Register

Number of persons on register at the 1st January 1961	16
" " " " " " " 31st December 1961	14

Registered Partially Sighted Persons in Rutland

Age Groups

0-4	5 - 15	16-20	21-49	50-64	65 +	Total
-	1	1	2	3	7	14

WELFARE OF THE DEAF AND DUMB

An annual grant is made to the Northamptonshire and Rutland Mission to the Deaf, who give valuable help - on an agency basis - in promoting the welfare of the deaf and dumb in the County. (The Chaplain Secretary is the Rev. Kenneth Earle, B.A., St. Mark's Institute for Deaf, Northampton).

Lip reading and club activities are available at Kettering, Rothwell and Rushden, with over-night accommodation if desired.

Three men from Rutland, all in full-time employment, are on the books of the Society. One of these men, nearing retirement age, was given a week's free holiday at a seaside resort.

One woman, who is deaf, dumb and blind, has been in the British Home for the Deaf and Dumb, 25, Clapton Common, London, E.5., since 1954.

WELFARE OF OTHER HANDICAPPED PERSONS

Spastics

A man (aged 32) considered suitable for training under the Sheltered Work Scheme was admitted to the Enham-Alamein Village Centre at Andover during October.

MEDICAL LOAN DEPOTS

This service is organised by the British Red Cross Society (County Director - Mrs. C. Drage). The larger articles - wheel chairs, crutches, bed-rests and tables can be obtained on request from the Red Cross Office, 56, High Street, Oakham or from the Health Department, County Offices, Oakham. Smaller items are held by the village representatives of the Red Cross.

RURAL WATER SUPPLIES AND SEWERAGE ACTS, 1944 - 1955.

The following schemes were approved by the County Council during the year:-

Oakham Rural District	Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme for the Parish of Barleythorpe (to include Stud House).
	Whissendine Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme.
Uppingham Rural District	Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme for Wing Hollow.
	Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme for the Parish of Ridlington.
	Parish of Caldecott: Joint Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme with Market Harborough R.D.C.
	Barrowden Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme.
Kotton Rural District	Little Casterton Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme.

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